

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Establishment – Industries & Commerce Department – Mines & Geology – Allegation of issue of permits without following the procedure and referring the matter to the Government as required against Sri S.Sai Ram Singh, Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Ananthapur - Suspension from service- Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No. 188

Dated: 21.03.2010

ORDER:-

Whereas, orders were issued in G.O.Rt.No.723, Ind. & Com. (M.III) Dept., dated 25.11.2009, suspending the mining operations and transportation of the Iron Ore already mined in 6 (six) mining leases in Ananthapur District. Aggrieved by the said orders, M/s. Obulapuram Mining Company (Pvt.) Limited and M/s Ananthapur Mining Corporation have filed W.P.No.25910/2009 and 26083/2009 respectively before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh. The Hon'ble High Court passed interim orders dated 11.12.2009 allowing mining operations on certain conditions. The State Government have filed an SLP No. 35169-70/2009 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the said interim orders and the Apex Court on 17.12.2009 had stayed the interim orders of the AP High Court. Further, remanded the case to High Court of AP on 14.01.2010 for final disposal while continuing the stay on the interim orders of the High Court of AP and permitting demarcation of boundaries of the Mining Leases. Pursuant to the orders issued in the above said G.O, the mining operation and the transportation of Iron Ore were under continuous suspension from 25.11.2009. The Hon'ble High Court of AP had passed common final orders on 26.02.2010 setting aside the orders issued in G.O.Rt.No.723, Ind. & Com. (M.III) Dept., dated 25.11.2009.

2. And whereas, the State Government have filed SLP No. 7366-67/2010 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the common orders dated 26.02.2010 of the High Court of AP. The Apex Court on 11.03.2010 while posting the case to 22.03.2010 had ordered to maintain status-quo till then. And in the meantime, Sri S.Sai Ram Singh, Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Ananthapur had started issuance of dispatch permits from 03.03.2010 without following the procedure and referring the matter to the Government as required.

3. And whereas, Sri S.Sai Ram Singh, Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Ananthapur, in undue haste issued dispatch permits to the Companies without referring the matter to the Government as required and did not report about the resumption of mining activity and transportation of mined mineral immediately, even while the Government decided to file an SLP before the apex court seeking legal remedy against the orders of the High Court of AP in public interest.

4. And whereas, the commissions and omissions of Sri S.Sai Ram Singh, Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Ananthapur, resulted in countering the swift action taken and efforts made by the Government to obtain orders from the apex court in the SLP filed by the Government on 11.3.2010, in respect of all the six mines in public interest.

5. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (1) of Rule 8 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules,1991, Government hereby place Sri S.Sai Ram Singh, Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Ananthapur, under suspension with immediate effect.

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6. Government further order that, during the period this order remains in force, Sri S.Sai Ram Singh, Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Ananthapur, shall not leave the headquarters without obtaining the prior permission of the Government.

7. Government also order that during the period of suspension Sri S.Sai Ram Singh, Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Ananthapur, shall be paid subsistence allowance as per rules in force.

8. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad, shall make necessary internal arrangements for placing a suitable officer in full additional charge of the post of Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Ananthapur, until further orders.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.VEERABHADRAIAH
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri. Sai Ram Singh, Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Ananthapur,
through the Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad
The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad
Copy to:
The ZJDM&G, Kadapa.
The P.S. to Chief Minister
The PS to the Minister for Mines & Geology.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary.
The P.S. to Spl. Secretary to C.M.
The P.S. to Secy. to Govt., I&C Dept.
The Ind. & Com. (M.II/M.III/Sand & SPIU) Dept.
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